

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 3178 - SB 3257**

February 15, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Responsible Teen Parent pilot project include information on the means with which the Department of Human Services (DHS) may enforce financial support obligations that teen parents have towards their children.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Under current law, DHS and the juvenile court or the District Attorney General are required to jointly undertake a public awareness campaign to periodically inform and remind teens that teen parents have a legal obligation to financially support their children for 18 years following the birth of a child, regardless of a parent's gender or marital status, and that the legal obligation of support will be enforced.
- Requiring the campaign to also include information on the means with which financial support obligations may be enforced will not result in a significant fiscal impact on the state and can be accommodated within existing budgetary resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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